THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AIDS Testing Centres

37. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up AIDS testing centres in all the district headquaters in the country for providing pre and post-testing counseling along with free tests for HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At present 142 VCTCs have been established in various medical colleges of the country. During current financial year, VCTCs will be established in all the districts of 6 high prevalence States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Manipur and Nagaland. In other States, districts are being covered in a phased manner to establish one VCTC in each district hospital.

Adulteration in Cumin

38. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mehangai ke karan jeera mein sounf aur mitti kee bhati melavate", published in Navbharat Times dated the 22nd June, 2001;

(b) whether there is abundance of adulteration of fennel and sawdust in cumin;

(c) whether Food Adulteration Department has not taken any

action against this kind of adulteration;

(d) whether the superior quality stockists will be put to loss due to sale of adulterated cumin;-

(e) the names of markets identified for such kind of adulteration; and

(f) the steps Government consider to take for checking adulterations which are harmful to health?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information received from Government of NCT, Delhi, no sample of cumin has been found adulterated in the last three years as per details below:—

Year	Samples Analysed	Adulterated samples
1999	19	Nil
2000	40	Nil
Upto June 2001	22	Nil

In the case of Gujarat some cases of adulteration were noted in 1998 and 1999 in which action was initiated as per details given below:

Years	Nos. of cases of Adulterations detected in cumin	Action taken
1998	3	Prosecution launched against defaulters in all 3 cases.
1999	10	Prosecution launched against defaulters in all 10 cases.

(d) to (f) Samples of cumin are being regularly drawn by the PFA

authorities in Gujarat to monitor the quality of this product and contain any adulteration so that trade is not adversely affected. Other States are being addressed to draw samples regularly and monitor the quality of cumin.

Amount spent on National AIDS Control Programme

39. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on National AIDS Control Programme in various States during the last three years;

(b) the achievement made in controlling AIDS in those years; and

(c) the break up thereof year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) The details of amounts spent on National AIDS Control Programme in various States during last three years is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The National Sentinel Surveillance conducted during 1998, 1999 and 2000 indicated that the spread of HIV infection has slowed down. The estimated number of HIV infections during these years is as follows:

1998	—	3.5 million
1999	—	3.7 million
2000	—	3.86 million